

# SCITUATE BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

## MINUTES FROM MEETING

JUNE 16, 2015

I. **CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm. Present were D. Bangert, A. Steele, J. Farrell, K. McCormack, L. Dienel, M. Tennaro, S. Dorsey and A. McVeigh

### II. STANDING REPORTS - End of Year Summary

#### A. Railroad Crossing Islands

The islands look wonderful after the harsh winter and it appears that no plants need to be replaced. Bill Morse will weed the islands during the summer months.

#### B. Merchant Coordinator

A. Steele reported that 51 vouchers have been used to date: 6 at Hill Billy Acres and 45 at R & C Farms (25 in the Harbor, 20 in N.Scituate). The total spent so far is \$2550.00

#### C. Adopt-a-Lot

D. Bangert reported that all but 3 lots have been planted at this time. A. McVeigh volunteered to take over Lot #16 until the caretaker is back to full health.

#### D. Treasurer

The balance stands at \$8,044.78. There was a brief discussion about our maintenance contract for 2015-16 and the necessary advertising in the *Scituate Mariner* for bids.

**Motion:** S. Dorsey made a motion to authorize sufficient payment, not to exceed \$300.00, to the *Scituate Mariner* for advertising for bids for the BC maintenance contract. A. Steele seconded the motion. All in favor.

### III. OLD BUSINESS

#### A. Award Contract

D. Bangert reported that Bill Morse submitted the only bid for the maintenance contract for the BC. His bid was \$9,900 for the year, with an option outside of contract of \$45.00 an hour for "emergency" needs.

**Motion:** K. McCormack made a motion to award the BC maintenance contract to Bill Morse for 2015-16 in the amount of \$9,900. S. Dorsey seconded the motion. All in favor.

#### B. Library Plant Sale

The plant sale was a great success and we made \$311.00. Thank you to all who worked so hard digging up plants and finding homes for them.

#### C. Egypt Beach Island

The proposed renovation of the Egypt Beach island was discussed at length. This has been an ongoing project and the BC felt it should be completed as soon as possible. There are issues of plants to be purchased, weeds to be eradicated , and labor costs to consider.

**Motion:** S. Dorsey made a motion to authorize a sum, not to exceed \$1200.00 to finish the renovation of the Egypt Beach island, with the funds being divided between labor cost and plants purchased. A. McVeigh seconded the motion. All in favor.

D. Other

D. Bangert reported that Bill Morse sent a proposal for \$722.00 to replace plants and shrubs that were lost over the winter. There was a brief discussion regarding the need to do this now or in the fall.

**Motion:** A. Steele made a motion to table the replacement of plantings at this time and reconsider the option in the fall at our September meeting. J.Farrell seconded the motion. All in favor.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

D. Bangert addressed the need for a new Treasurer for 2015-16 since J. Farrell is “retiring” from the Beautification Commission. L. Dienel volunteered to be the new treasurer and she was unanimously approved.

D. Bangert reported that she was approached by Linda Hayes, from the Scituate Senior Center, who asked if next year the BC might take on a new Adopt-a-Lot at the First Parish entrance to the Center. Further discussion will be necessary before any decision is made.

V. CHAIR NOTES

The Chairwoman thanked everyone for their time and effort all year.

VI. MINUTES - May, 2015

**Motion:** A motion was made by A.Steele to approve the amended minutes. J. Farrell seconded the motion. All in favor. Minutes were approved.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion:** S. Dorsey made a motion to adjourn at 8:50 pm. The motion was seconded by A. McVeigh. All in favor. The next meeting will be September 15.

Minutes approved\_\_Sept.15, 2015

Respectfully submitted by M.Tennaro

